

uncomfortable today to call a constitutional convention because of the danger and mischief that might occur if you have a wide open constitutional convention. I know of no one that wants to do that, no one that I think has a legitimate interest, at least at this point in time. But the reason they do the Conference of the States is that is something short of those drastic dangerous measures. The other one is to continue to pass resolutions that say, please, Congress, leave us alone. They get it and say, thank you, or they may not even pick up their mail. We go back and testify to Congress, obviously, nothing changes and continual pressure gets to build. The reason that I and you don't have money sometimes to get the projects that we think are worthwhile, that we, as a state, determine to be good policy is because we are busy complying with what Congress has asked us and told us to do. And I suppose that frustration is the one that is out there, that they don't want to call a constitutional convention. This is the best way to, in your terms, focus but focus on trying to make some communication back to Congress because I just know of no one that wants that convention. That it's too dangerous.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I am not trying to be entirely negative really.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, no, that's fine.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am just trying to explore it and one of the things that bothers me is the focus function of this may be very necessary in order to apply the kind of pressure that needs to be applied, and God knows, some pressure does need to be applied. And I hope the balanced budget amendment is part of that pressure. But notwithstanding that, and in trying to envision for the moment the worse case scenario...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that there would be a constitutional convention, then I think that the fact that the issue has been framed will be very difficult to overcome once it has been framed, whether...whatever that issue might be, whatever proposal to the Constitution the conference might come up with, however they frame it, that will be the focus. And if there is a call for a constitutional convention, I would guess that it would be limited in that it would be focused on the language of the conference because they are organized. I mean one of the